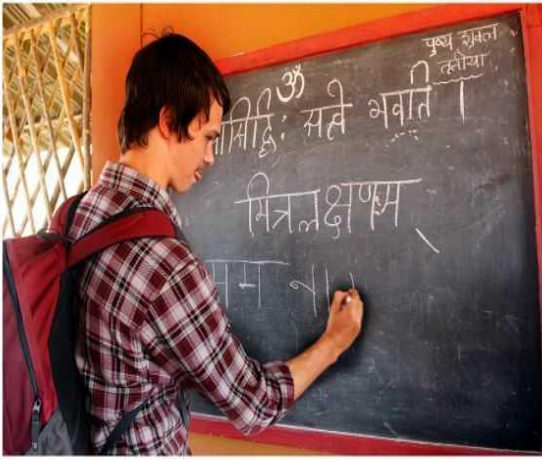


Sanskrit can help explore new dimensions

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Several fresh graduates are taking up jobs in IT working for digitization of ancient scriptures

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Breaking away from the past, when Sanskrit students could only become scholars or take up jobs as teachers and researchers in schools and higher educational institutions, today, opportunities are opening up in several sectors.

Speaking to *Education Times*, Shrinivasa Varakhedi, vice chancellor, Kavikulaguru Kalidas Sanskrit University, Ramtek, Nagpur, says, “Things have been changing in the recent past where Sanskrit students are being hired by software companies, civil services, fashion design, food industry, entertainment industry in the creation of serials and movies on ancient Vedas. Sanskrit students are in demand in various art forms like music and dance; now even computational linguistics, astronomers and mathematicians are hiring Sanskrit experts. Many Sanskritists have joined in IITs, IISER, Google, Ayurvedic firms, yoga training centers.”

With the increase in demand for experts in the subject, opportunities are opening up in government as well as the private sector. “Jobs for students having basic knowledge of Sanskrit and Natural Language Processing are on the rise. The digitization of ancient scriptures is another area in which Sanskrit students are

getting jobs. There are a lot of opportunities in Sanskrit-allied areas such as Yoga and Ayurveda,” says Anil Kumar Gourishetty, coordinator, Sanskrit Club, IIT Roorkee.

Currently, there are 18 Sanskrit universities including 3 central universities in India. Several private universities have introduced Sanskrit Studies. Keep in view its popularity, two universities in the US and one in Nepal is noticing a rise in students.

“25,000 students are pursuing higher education in Sanskrit, following traditional learning pattern in India. Besides, around 2 lakh students are enrolled in short-term courses. At present, more than 1 crore people are learning Sanskrit across the globe,” says Varkhedi. Sanskrit is a language of the future, he adds, which will trigger new dimensions for Science as well. Several recent scientific findings including God particle, Quantum Physics have roots in Sanskrit, as mentioned by several foreign researchers.
